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during operation the plurality of deflectable fingers extend into a central opening of the first compact disc.

Remarks

In the Specification, the Examiner indicated that the terms "open gripper" and "gripper" were not used consistently. Applicant notes that there are two grippers described; gripper 231 and gripper 232. During operation, both of these grippers can be open grippers. The term 'open' indicates that the gripper is not holding a CD. As such, Applicant believes that the specification is correct and requests that the Examiner withdraw the present objections.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention.

Applicant has amended the claims to clarify that the gripping head rotates about a horizontal axis. Further, the claims have been amended to clarify that two discs are held on separate planes. These planes can be horizontal or vertical. That is, because the gripper can rotate about a horizontal axis it would be confusing to state that the planes have a specific orientation. Applicant believes that the claims are clear and meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this application, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 252-0014.

Respectfully submitted,

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